

SAROEa Consistency Review		Heavenly Epic Discovery Project					
		Activity					
Citation FSM 2343.14	Criteria	Mountain Bike Park	Mountain Coasters	Cable-Based Activities	Hiking and Connecting Trails	Infill Activities	Lookout Tower
1a	Will not change the primary purpose of the ski area to other than snow sports	This activity will supplement existing summer visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the winter use.	This activity will supplement existing summer and winter visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the snowsports use.	This activity will supplement existing summer and winter visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the snowsports use.	This activity will supplement existing summer visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the winter use.	This activity will supplement existing summer visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the winter use.	This activity will supplement existing summer and winter visitation and will only increase visitation by a small amount when compared to the snowsports use.
1b	Encourage outdoor recreation and enjoyment of nature and provide natural resource-based recreation opportunities	See 4	See 4	See 4	See 4	See 4	See 4
1c	To the extent practicable, be located within the portions of the ski area that are developed or that will be developed pursuant to the master development plan	All activities occur within the current operational boundary.	All activities occur within the current operational boundary.	All activities occur within the current operational boundary.	All activities occur within the current operational boundary with the exception of portions of the Panorama Trail. The Panorama Trail was developed to provide connectivity between these activities and the existing trail network.	All activities occur within the current operational boundary.	All activities occur within the current operational boundary.
1d	Not exceed the level of development for snow sports and be consistent with the zoning established in the applicable master development plan	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.	This proposal represents an update to the master development plan and establishes the zoning for these additional seasonal and year-round recreational activities. This activity will supplement existing visitation and will not necessitate development of additional chairlifts, lodges, or parking lots.
1e	To the extent practicable, harmonize with the natural environment of the site where they would be located by:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1e1	Being visually consistent with or subordinate to the ski area’s existing facilities, vegetation and landscape	Mountain bike trails will be designed and implemented to avoid tree removal unless necessary, incorporate natural rock outcroppings and appropriate BMPs. If necessary, BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to design, layout, and construction.	Coasters would be designed to incorporate similar materials to existing ski area infrastructure (e.g. colored metal pipe) and would be situated in a less visibly prominent location which is on the periphery of existing snow sports infrastructure. Coasters will be designed and implemented to avoid tree removal unless necessary and incorporate natural rock outcroppings. BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to design, layout, and construction.	Cable-Based Activities are designed to avoid tree removal, blend with the forest canopy, and utilize natural materials in their construction including the trees themselves. BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to design, layout, and construction.	Hiking trails will be designed and implemented to avoid tree removal unless necessary, incorporate natural rock outcroppings and appropriate BMPs. If necessary, BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to design, layout, and construction.	Infill activities are largely subordinate to facilities, vegetation, and landscape. If necessary, BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to materials, branding, and color.	BEIG concepts and criteria will be applied to design, layout, and construction.
1e2	Not requiring significant modifications to topography to facilitate construction or operations	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.	Will not require significant modification to topography and included in proposal.
1f	Not compromise snow sports operations or functions	The activity is compatible with existing snow sports operations and will be covered by snow during winter operations. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation.	The Forest Flyer mountain coaster will be situated in a less visually prominent location which is on the periphery of existing snow sports infrastructure. The mountain coaster has been designed to not compromise snow sports operations. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation. The Sky Meadows mountain coaster will not interfere with existing snow sports operations including groomed runs, gladed runs, or base areas. The Sky Meadows will change tree skiing opportunities within the Sky Meadows basin.	Cable-Based Activities are situated outside or span existing ski runs and will result in no substantial change in snow sports operations. Infrastructure will have limited effect on tree skiing opportunities due to the fact that the poles are similar to trees and would be similarly avoided. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation. Where possible, trees will be incorporated into the layout and design of cable-based activities.	The activity is compatible with existing snow sports operations and will be covered by snow during winter operations. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation.	The activity is compatible with existing snow sports operations and will be covered by snow during winter operations. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation.	The lookout toward will be situated in a discrete location which is on the periphery of existing snow sports infrastructure. The lookout tower will enhance an existing winter overlook destination and not compromise snow sports operations. This activity will supplement existing visitation and Heavenly Mountain Resort will remain primarily a snow sports operation.

1g	Increase utilization of snow sports facilities and not require extensive new support facilities, such as parking lots, restaurants, and lifts.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.
4	Factors that may affect whether other additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities besides those listed in paragraph 2 may be approved under paragraph 1 of this section include but are not limited to the degree to which visitors are able to engage with the natural setting, the extent to which the activities and facilities could be expected to lead to exploration and enjoyment of other NFS lands, and the similarity of the activities and associated facilities to those enumerated in paragraph 2 or paragraph 3 of this section.	N/A - Allowable under SAROE A	Degree of engagement - exposure to new clients (non-skiing). Lowest level on the progression/level of difficulty. Foreground and background views. The user has control over their speed. Lead to further exploration - Get there by walking. Located in adventure peak area, easy to access. Zone concept. Similarity to other activities - Adjacent to the sledding hill, The Coaster is designed to serpentine through rock outcroppings and forest area (similar to both tree skiing and mountain biking) which would place the rider in the natural setting and allow them to interact with these natural features. Ride would follow the contours of the landscape which would allow the user to have a gravity sports experience.	N/A (SAROE A describes ropes courses/zip lines as allowable. The design and operation of the sky cycle canopy tour is similar to these allowable activities and therefore consistent with SAROE A.)	N/A - Allowable under SAROE A	Frisbee Golf - N/A - Allowable under SAROE A. Jeep Tour - Visitors with physical disabilities will be accommodated, providing access to NFS lands throughout the SUP area to those who might not be able to experience it otherwise.	N/A
5	Do not approve additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities when the visitor's experience is not interdependent with attributes common in National Forest settings.	This activity are is? dependent on a change in elevation and engagement with a mountain forest setting. All of these activities allow the user to have a personal experience with the mountain forest setting. The unique flora and fauna of the mountain setting make the experience unique because of the scenery and landscape features. Mountain biking, and mountain bike parks have been authorized on NFS lands for decades and have proven to be compatible with the attributes and resources described above.	This activity is dependent on a change in elevation and engagement with a mountain forest setting. This activity allows the user to have a personal experience with the mountain forest setting, and to experience the slopes found within the resort. The unique flora and fauna of the mountain setting make the experience unique because of the scenery and landscape features. These activities remove a barrier of interaction by providing a unique perspective and engagement with aspects of the forest that not easily accessible to the majority of the public without these activities.	These activities are dependent on a change in elevation and engagement with a mountain forest setting. All of these activities allow the user to have a personal experience with the mountain forest setting. The unique flora and fauna of the mountain setting make the experience unique because of the scenery and landscape features. These activities remove a barrier of interaction by providing a unique perspective and engagement with aspects of the forest that not easily accessible to the majority of the public without these activities.	These activities are dependent on a change in elevation and engagement with a mountain forest setting. These activities allow the user to have a personal experience with the mountain forest setting. The unique flora and fauna of the mountain setting make the experience unique because of the scenery and landscape features. Hiking and trails have historically been the primary means by which human interact and travel through the forest environment. Hiking and trails are common to all National Forests, and are compatible with the attributes and resources described above.	The unique flora and fauna of the mountain setting make the experience unique because of the scenery and landscape features. In addition to being explicitly allowable under SAROE A, the challenge of frisbee golf includes navigating and avoiding natural obstacles such as trees and rocks. The proposed location utilizes the natural terrain to provide a challenging, yet enjoyable experience that is inter-dependent with the forested mountain setting. There are few opportunities in the Lake Tahoe basin for motorized access to the forested mountain setting. The proposed Jeep Tour will provide a unique perspective for visitors without the means or ability to access the forested mountain setting without guided assistance. The East Peak Lake is an accessible location for visitors to experience a forested mountain lake and related recreation opportunities.	A fire lookout tower is a common attribute within the National Forest System, and the proposed design mimics the design, location, and overlook opportunity found at all fire lookout towers. The lookout tower will be instantly recognizable as a common attribute of the National Forest setting.
6	Allow temporary activities that rely on existing facilities, such as concerts or weddings, even if they are not necessarily interdependent with a National Forest setting, provided they are enhanced by it. Do not authorize new permanent facilities solely for these activities.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

7	Encourage holders to utilize existing facilities to provide additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.	No additional parking lots, lifts, or lodges will be required for this activity. The primary access for all of these activities will be through the existing Gondola. Proposed activities will utilize existing lodges including Tamarack Lodge, East Peak Lodge, Sky Deck and the ski school building. Proposed activities will utilize the existing Tamarack, Big Easy and Comet lifts. No new permanent roads will be constructed.
8a	Establish zones to guide placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities, basing the zones on the existing natural setting and level of development to support snow sports	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment. The Zones proposed include: Adventure Peak, East Peak Basin, Sky Meadows Basin, and Mountainwide.	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment.	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment.	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment.	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment.	Establishing zones for placement and design of additional seasonal or year-round recreation facilities will be accomplished through this project and the master plan amendment.
8b	Depict the general location of the facilities	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal
8c	Establish an estimated timeframe for their construction.	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal	Included in proposal
9	Utilize the Scenery Management System (FSM 2380), Built Environment Image Guide (Publication FS-710), and the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (FSM 2310) to ensure that additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities are located and constructed to harmonize with the surrounding natural environment.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.	Preliminary screening indicates substantial conformance with these planning tools. Detailed analysis and determinations will occur through the NEPA process.
10	Authorization of additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities is subject to terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Authorized Officer.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.	Activity-specific operating plans, operation manuals, training, and safety checks will be required, as appropriate, for all proposed activities.
11	The acreage necessary for additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities may not be considered in determining the acreage encompassed by a ski area permit. Permit area expansions must be based on needs related to snow sports rather than additional seasonal or year-round recreation.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.	All proposed activities occur within the existing special use permit boundary.
12	Additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities that were authorized before November 7, 2011, and that do not meet the criteria in paragraphs 1 through 11 of this section may continue to be authorized during the term of the current permit. When that permit terminates or is revoked, do not reauthorize additional seasonal or year-round recreation activities and associated facilities that do not conform to paragraphs 1 through 11 of this section.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Notwithstanding FSM 2340.3, paragraph 3, and 2343.03, paragraph 1, a proposal that complies with paragraphs 1 through 12 of this section may be approved.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			Forest Flyer	Mid Station Canopy Tour	East Peak Lodge Hiking Trail	Disc Golf Course	
			Sky Meadows Coaster	Sky Cycle	Panorama Trail	Mountain Excursion Jeep Tour	
				East Peak Zipline Canopy Tour		East Peak Reservoir Water Activities	
				Sky Meadows Zipline Canopy Tour			
				Sky Meadows Challenge Course			